

Remarks

In view of the submission of the above documents and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-36 remain in this application.

1. Drawings

The Examiner has indicated in the present action that the formal drawings previously submitted have been approved.

2. Allowed Claims/Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-36.

3. Conclusion

Based upon the above remarks, and papers of record, Applicant respectfully requests a prompt Notice of Allowance thereon.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is necessary to make this Response timely. Should Applicant be in error, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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Respectfully submitted,

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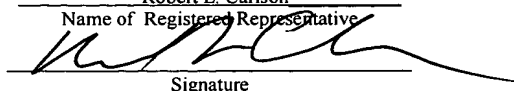


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